

MAIN API SYSTEM AND ALTERNATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

Main API System

Alternative Accountability System

School Participation

- Traditional elementary, middle, and high schools with 100 or more valid Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) scores, including charter schools

- Schools in the Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) that opt into main API system for a three-year period, including charter schools

Both traditional and these ASAM schools are held accountable through API results:

- Schoolwide API
- Subgroup APIs
- Ranks
- Growth targets
- Growth

- Small schools with 11–99 valid STAR scores, including charter schools

These schools are held accountable through API results:

- Schoolwide API with an asterisk “*”
- Subgroup APIs
- Statewide rank with an asterisk “*”
- Growth targets
- Growth

- Very small schools are defined as
 - Schools with less than 11 valid STAR scores

These schools will be held accountable through API district results, pending legislation.

- Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM):
 - Qualifying “Alternative” schools serving a majority of high-risk students are defined as
 - Schools, including charter schools, that primarily serve highly mobile students who are at high risk for behavioral or educational failure, expelled, or under disciplinary sanction, wards of the court, pregnant and/or parenting, or recovered dropouts

These schools are held accountable through collection and reporting of data on State Board of Education approved indicators, results of the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program (norm-referenced test and California Standards Tests), and the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE).

- Schools in the Special Education Schools and Centers Model:
 - Schools that primarily serve students with communicative, physical, learning, or emotional disabilities

These schools are held accountable through the Quality Assurance Process, the annual Individualized Education Program (IEP), and the three-year re-evaluation process.

Awards and Interventions Programs

- Schools in the main API system are eligible for API-based awards and interventions programs
- No awards or interventions are available at this time for schools in the Alternative Accountability System

CDE Contacts

- Main API System administered through the Policy and Evaluation Division:
 - API calculation—Educational Planning and Information Center (EPIC) at (916) 319-0863
- Alternative Accountability System administered through the Education Support System Division:
 - Educational Options Office at (916) 322-5012

(Also see “PSAA Reference Guide to the Internet and CDE Contacts”)